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Protests planned at 'pray the gay away' retreat

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Conversion therapy? Courage official says it's just a religious program for adults, but opponents call it brainwashing.

Protesters are planning to assemble at the Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary in Wynnewood on Saturday in opposition to the daylong meeting of the Courage Community — which they called an "anti-gay Catholic group."

"What I have a problem with is this really outlandish false information they're putting out there," said Ed Coffin of the Peace Advocacy Network, who is organizing the protest. "Gay people who identify as Catholic are going to be really susceptible."

But Courage Philadelphia's chapter leader, Father Philip Bochanski, said they don't engage in "conversion therapy."

Quoted

"No person in Courage is ever required to participate in any kind of therapy seeking a change of orientation."
Bochanski

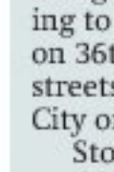
"Courage is a support group for men and women who are experiencing same-sex attractions, trying to understand what the church teaches and trying to live a holy life," Bochanski said. "We simply try to help people in living a chaste life, meaning intimate sexual acts are reserved for marriage."

Courage's daylong retreat, the "Day of Recollection," is held during the season of Lent, and two dozen participants are expected.

Bochanski said Courage has no members under the age of 18 and does not participate in "conversion therapy" — a practice that state Rep. Brian Sims and state Sen. Anthony H. Williams are seeking to outlaw.

"Courage is based on the lie or the myth that your sexual orientation can or should be changed," Sims said.

"From the evidence I've seen, they absolutely support conversion therapy, and 'praying the gay away' is just as bad as any conversion methods."



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By the numbers

$19

The fee for a Pennsylvania driver license ID or a replacement card jumps from $5 to $19 starting April 1 as part of the state's transportation funding law.

Give America a Raise bus makes a stop in Philly

Local activists and workers rallied at Eakins Oval on Thursday as the "Give America a Raise" bus tour stopped in Philadelphia on its way to Washington, D.C., calling for an increase to the federal minimum wage. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

Nabbed

Feds charge Philly men in Cosi robberies

Federal prosecutors have indicted Ronald Stone, 29, adding him as a third suspect believed to have robbed two Center City Cosi sandwich shops in December.

Stone, James Pray and Ramon Martinez (charged separately) allegedly held up Cosi at 15th and Locust streets on Dec. 3 and Dec. 24, making off with about $3,900 total.

They are also charged with attempting to rob the Cosi on 36th and Walnut streets in University City on Dec. 9.

Stone and Pray could face 32 years to life in prison. METRO

Washington, D.C.

White House to honor advocate

An advocate for the city's schools will be honored next week in the nation's capital.

Helen Gym, a former teacher in the Philadelphia public school system and an outspoken advocate for increasing the quality of the city's education system, will be honored at the White House on March 31.

Helen Gym / FILE PHOTO

Gym, who founded Parents United for Public Education, was one of 10 community leaders chosen as a Cesar E. Chavez Champion of Change. The honor is named after late civil rights activist. It was Gym's work with immigrants and Asian-Americans in the city that led to her recognition. METRO

Smoked out. Pot bill put on back burner

The bill to cut down on arrests for possession of less than an ounce of marijuana has hit a few snags.

Councilman Jim Kenney, the bill's sponsor, was told by the Criminal Justice Advisory Boards, a problem-solving collaborative within the state's criminal justice system, that the bill has holes.

He met with them on Tuesday and will cooperate to "try to get this done administratively as opposed to legislating it." However, he added, "I'm going to run the bill if I'm not seeing any progress."

The bill calls for police to hand out a court summons in lieu of arresting suspects. TOMMY ROWAN

Council approves ban on indoor use of e-cigarettes

Vaporized. Electronic cigarettes, which burn a nicotine-based liquid, aren't allowed inside bars and restaurants.

Sorry, electronic-cigarette smokers.

Take it outside.

The Philadelphia City Council on Thursday unanimously approved a bill that adds e-cigarettes to the citywide smoking ban.

An accompanying bill, which also passed, prevents the sale of e-cigarette devices to minors.

Both bills still require Mayor Michael Nutter's signature to become law, which is expected.

City Councilman Bill Greenlee, the key sponsor of the bills, emphasized the lack of FDA approval as a red flag.

"This is a totally unregulated product," he said. "And the fact that we don't know what's in it, I think we ought to err on the side of caution. We're not banning the product. What we're basically doing is saying, in public places, you need to step outside.

"I think one of government's roles is to protect people," he added, "and to protect the health of people."

Gregory Conley, a New Jersey native, confessed before the city council to be an ex-smoker who now prefers e-cigarettes. He pulled out his device and appeared to give council members a demonstration.

After the bill passed, he said the ruling is exactly what he expected.

"Ultimately, this bill is about deceiving smokers into thinking e-cigarettes are just as hazardous, or nearly as hazardous, as smoking," he said.

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Quoted

"We estimate that out of 1.5 million people in Philadelphia, 1.4 [million] do not use electronic cigarettes. I think we have to look at what's best for them." Greenlee

Gunfire

Teen killed in Hunting Park

A 19-year-old was shot several times as he got into a car at Fourth and Wingohocking streets just after midnight Thursday, reports say.

He was pronounced dead at a hospital. At least a half-dozen shell casings were located at the scene. Police are investigating. METRO

9/11

Flight 93 memorial land worth $1.5M: Judge

A judge has valued the Western Pennsylvania field where Flight 93 crashed on 9/11 at $1.5 million. The federal government originally seized it from the owner for $610,000. METRO

Gallantly streaming

Area schoolchildren wave Philadelphia flags as residents celebrate Philadelphia Flag Day at Thomas Paine Plaza in Center City. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

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Last push. Financial aid available for those needing health coverage

In this last weekend to sign up for health insurance through the online exchange, Enroll America's Paydon J. Miller is reminding Pennsylvanians that financial assistance is available to help pay for plans.

"So many people are waiting until the last second because they feel they can't afford it," said Miller, the spokesman for Enroll America. "But it is affordable, and there is in-person assistance available."

In fact, more than 75 percent of Pennsylvania residents who have signed up for health care have gotten aid, he said.

Claudia Gordon, of north-central Philadelphia, is one of those people. Gordon retired in 2006 after more than 20 years as a city police officer, and her health insurance ran out in December. When she initially went online to the health care exchange, she admits feeling overwhelmed. The coverage she needed because of treatment for pre-existing conditions was about $800 a month. "Looking at the costs, I knew I couldn't afford it."

Her daughter, who lives in California, suggested she see a health care navigator to walk her through the process and see if she's eligible for financial assistance. Turns out, she was. "I managed to keep my insurance at a lower premium, one I could afford."

She's been an advocate for the Affordable Care Act "talking to, texting and emailing" her family and friends to sign up as the March 31 deadline approaches. "I keep sending them reminders."

Enroll America's Miller said a rush is expected this weekend at enrollment events around the city. Those who'd like to sit with a health expert should bring with them the Social Security numbers of everyone who will be on the plan; income information like a W-2 form or a pay stub; and any current health plan information they may have. CHRISTINA PACIOLLA

Enrollment events

- **Congreso:** 2800 North American St.; Friday, 1 to 5:30; Saturday, 9 to noon
- **Northeast Regional Library:** 2228 Cottman Ave. Friday, 10 to 5; Saturday, 10 to 3
- **Campaign for Working Families:** 1207 Chestnut St.; Monday, 10 to 4
- **Community of Compassion CDC:** 6148 Cedar Ave.; Sunday, noon to 3

See more at www.metro.us

Prepping to ride the big slab

Mechanic Scott Seiber works on a vintage 1960s BMW R50/2 motorcycle at Spare Parts Co., located at Fourth and Vine streets in Old City. Spare Parts Co. has been in Old City since 1981 and is the only shop that specializes in BMW and Moto Guzzi motorcycles in Philadelphia.

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Weather frustrates hunt for missing jet

High winds and icy weather halted the air search on Thursday for a Malaysia Airlines passenger jet presumed to have crashed in the southern Indian Ocean, just as new satellite images emerged showing what could be a large debris field from the plane.

The latest possible sightings of wreckage from Flight MH370, which went missing 19 days ago, were captured by Thai and Japanese satellites in roughly the same remote expanse of sea as earlier images reported by France, Australia and China.

"We detected floating objects, perhaps more than 300," Anond Snidvongs, the head of Thailand's space technology development agency, told Reuters. REUTERS

Christie's internal investigation clears him in 'Bridgegate'

Opponents. The Democratic National Committee criticized the report as an "expensive sham."

An investigation commissioned by New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie cleared the potential Republican presidential contender on Thursday of wrongdoing in the "Bridgegate" scandal and blamed senior staffers for orchestrating the massive traffic jam.

The internal review was conducted by a law firm hired by Christie, whose top staffers have been accused of planning the traffic tie-up at the George Washington Bridge in September 2013 as political payback after Mayor Mark Sokolich of Fort Lee, N.J., declined to endorse Christie's re-election.

The report has no legal weight and is eyed with suspicion by many critics because it was ordered by Christie, who in January fired the staffers and denied any involvement.

The report doubted the veracity of a conversation between David Wildstein, a Christie appointee to the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, which oversees the bridge, and Christie's press secretary after the scandal broke in December, in which Wildstein said he had informed the governor of the closings as they were occurring. REUTERS

Gov. Chris Christie / GETTY IMAGES

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"What we found was that Governor Christie had no involvement in the decision to close these lanes and no prior knowledge of it."

Randy Mastroote, Attorney of the law firm Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher, which was hired to conduct the investigation

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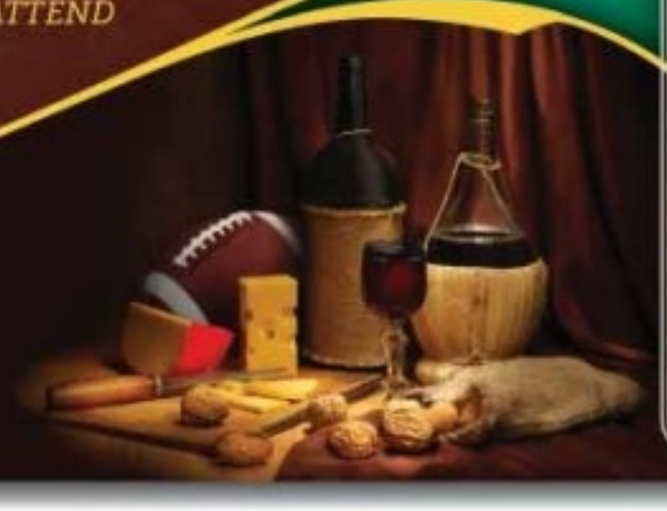

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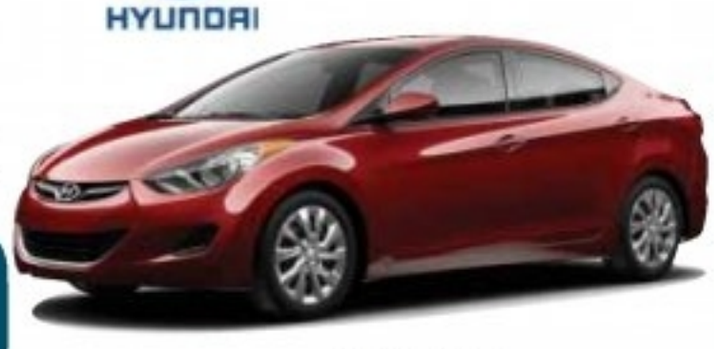

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Imagine my surprise when this thunderbolt of research smashed down on my desk: If you give money to politicians, they will give time to you to discuss your issues, to pose for pictures, and who knows what else? Slip a few bucks their way and they might even play Frisbee with you on the Capitol lawn, or join you for jet skiing in the reflecting pool.

Of course, we've all known this for a long time, but now we have proof.

Two enterprising young scholars from Yale and the University of California ran an experiment, in which they asked for meetings with Congress members to discuss an issue. In some cases the requesters were described as donors, and in other cases merely as constituents. The "donors" were given meetings at a considerably higher rate than the others, and with higher ranking Congressional staff members.

Some call this practice unfair, but it is so deeply ingrained in D.C. culture you could not dig it out with tongs. So in the spirit of "if you can't beat 'em, join 'em," I propose a solution. Let's just put official price tags on these folks and be done with it.

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I realize we'll have to work on the pricing, and perhaps we should consider some special promotions such as "2-for-1 Continuing Resolution Tuesdays!"

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I realize we'll have to work on the pricing, and perhaps we should consider some special promotions such as "2-for-1 Continuing Resolution Tuesdays!" But until Washington decides it wants to change this pay-for-play practice (and trust me, it doesn't) I think this is the best we can do. Because when too many of our elected folks talk about being inspired by past leaders such as Washington, Lincoln and Jackson, what they really mean is they love little pictures of those people, all lined up on crisp new bills.

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Reshuffle

Faulty state Obamacare exchanges weigh joining HealthCare.gov

A few states whose newly created Obamacare insurance exchanges were stalled by technology failures may join the federal government's HealthCare.gov marketplace for next year, while only two states that relied on the administration plan to go it alone.

Exchange officials in Oregon, Maryland and Massachusetts are weighing whether to enlist new private technology contractors or turn to the federal government after faulty exchanges slowed enrollment in their states to the lowest rates in the country.

The reshuffle would mean the federal government would continue to remain responsible for enrolling millions of people in coverage under President Barack Obama's health care law in most of the country next year, a far cry from its goal of independent marketplaces in all 50 states.

Political opposition to the law in many states prevented the creation of more state-based exchanges and has continued to threaten the program. Republicans have sought to defund it, even shutting down the government last year in an attempt to do so.

"I don't have any indication that the feds are pushing back, except I know that it has to be in their interest to have the states running as many state marketplaces as possible," said Linda Blumberg, a health economist at the Urban Institute. REUTERS

States

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Of the 36 states that signed up residents via HealthCare.gov for 2014, Idaho and New Mexico say they will run their own online enrollment for 2015, according to spokespeople in those states. Enrollment for next year begins in November.

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White House shows plan to end NSA's collection of data

Security. Obama has been under pressure to rein in surveillance since the leak by Edward Snowden.

The Obama administration on Thursday announced details of its plan to end the government's vast bulk collection of data about phone calls made in the United States, including new procedures to get judicial approval before asking companies for such records.

Under the plan, phone companies would have to provide data from their records quickly and in a usable format when requested by the government, a senior administration official told reporters on condition of anonymity.

The plan would also allow the government to seek such data without a court order in a national security emergency. But some U.S. officials who examined the president's proposals said they left important issues unresolved.

Under the administration's plan, instead of telephone metadata being collected and stored in bulk from telephone companies by the National Security Agency, companies themselves would hold the data and be required to respond to specific, court-approved queries about it from the NSA.

However, officials familiar with current laws and regulations governing how telephone companies handle such data said that Obama's plan raises, but does not answer, significant practical questions about how companies would collect and store such data. **REUTERS**

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Search for the missing

Rescue teams on Thursday clawed through the moon-like surface left by a massive mudslide in Washington state that killed at least 25 people, searching for those still missing and praying for "one little miracle." Community members gathered Wednesday evening for a prayer vigil for the missing, a number that has dropped to 90. **REUTERS** /GETTY IMAGES

Consumer safety

Senator urges GM to advise not driving recalled cars

General Motors should promptly warn consumers that they should not drive GM cars that have been recalled because of faulty ignition switches, which can unexpectedly turn off engines and air bags of vehicles as they are operating, U.S. Senator Richard Blumenthal said on Thursday. **REUTERS**

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Obama meets Pope Francis, invites him to the White House

Meeting of the minds. The president told Pope Francis he was a "great admirer."

U.S. President Barack Obama heard the Catholic Church's concerns over his health care plan while on a visit to the Vatican on Thursday, but drew a cheerful response from Pope Francis when inviting him to visit Washington. The president appeared at ease and joked during the parts of his meeting with the pope that were open to a few reporters, but a brief Vatican statement issued later indicated that Obama's private talks there had a more serious side.

Obama and Pope Francis
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The statement said Obama was told of the Vatican's concern about "the exercise of the rights to religious freedom, life and conscientious objection" in the U.S. REUTERS

New course. Microsoft unveils Office for iPad

Microsoft Corp. Chief Executive Officer Satya Nadella took the wraps off an Office software suite designed for Apple Inc.'s iPad on Thursday, a widely anticipated move that underscores the new chief's willingness to point the lumbering software giant in a new direction.

At a news conference Thursday, executives demonstrated a new "touch-first" version of Office crafted for the iPad, available for download as a free app, though a subscription is needed to let users create or edit documents. Significantly, executives did not demo any software on Windows machines.

Sources have said an iPad-friendly version of Office had been ready for years but Microsoft had been reluctant to compromise its signature PC operating system. At the time, the sources could not speak because they were not authorized to talk to the press. REUTERS

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Restaurants squeezed by lime prices

Mexican restaurants in the U.S. are being squeezed by a sudden jump in the price of limes.

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The downside

Audiences can also be fickle, and even the faith-based haven't always supported films aimed at them.

- **"The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" — the first in Christian apologist C. S. Lewis' "Narnia" series — was a smash. But the two sequels fizzled.**
- **"The Nativity Story," about Jesus' birth, sank during the 2006 holidays.**

Got God? Hollywood has declared 2014 the Year of the Bible Movie. But is it for real? And why did it take so long?

By the numbers

78%

Stone argues that Christians can't be treated as one big demographic. Of the 78 percent of U.S. citizens who are Christians, most say faith informs their lives in "some way" — they may pray, read the Bible or go to church — but casually. Only 15 percent of Americans are "faith-driven," in that everything they do is informed by their religion.

JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR

Jennifer Connelly (second from left) and family prepare their ark in "Noah." / PARAMOUNT PICTURES

According to a Gallup poll, 78 percent of the United States identifies as Christian. And yet Christians are not a group to whom Hollywood specifically caters. For the last 30 years, religious-themed films have been almost exclusively the purview of small production companies that shill directly to churches and specific parts of the country (read: not cities).

That seems to be changing — sort of. Friday brings "Noah," a $130 million spectacular starring Russell Crowe as the man spared from the Great Flood in Genesis. It is a major film from a major studio (Paramount), with big-name stars (Jennifer Connelly, Emma Watson) and made on a scale comparable to the Biblical epics, like "The Ten Commandments," that dominated screens in the 1950s and '60s.

It's not alone. "Noah" is the second Bible film of the year, after "Son of God," to be distributed by a major studio. (There was also the independently released "God's Not Dead.") More are coming (see sidebar, above right).

Many may wonder why it's taken Hollywood so long. In 2004, the marketplace was stunned by the success of "The Passion of the Christ," Mel Gibson's hard-R depiction of the crucifixion. It grossed $370 million, plus another $240 million abroad.

Since then, there have been only a few attempts at kowtowing to the faithful. According to Chris Stone, founder of the online community Faith Driven Consumer, the studios weren't avoiding the issue.

"I don't think there was any fear," Stone says. "I think they lacked the expertise to produce them well. I think they have the same challenges targeting to women and targeting to African-Americans and targeting to Hispanic people."

Then again, "Noah" isn't just another "The Greatest Story Ever Told." It's a weird, highly personal product. And this winter's "Exodus" is made by Ridley Scott, an atheist. This new rush to sell movies to the faithful may be a cynical rush for money. But it might be more interesting for non-churchgoers.

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Biopic. The labor organizer 'Cesar Chavez' gets a weirdly muted, passionless movie

Michael Pena (next to Rosario Dawson) plays the great labor organizer in "Cesar Chavez." / PANTELION FILMS

One longs for "Cesar Chavez" to succeed. It's a Great Man biopic about the labor organizer, released in an industry that prefers to ignore Latino heroes (and Latinos in general). It doesn't actually do the Great Man biopic thing, instead showing Chavez (played by a winningly low-key Michael Pena) as a flawed human. And it mimics the likes of "Topsy-Turvy," Mike Leigh's peerless film about Gilbert and Sullivan, by focusing on a small section of his life, not getting bogged down in plodding exposition. You want a summation of Chavez's entire CV? Go to Wikipedia.

And yet why isn't "Cesar Chavez" better? It sounds like it's doing everything right, but in actuality it feels curiously remote, lacking in passion. Lives, even those lived by people who achieved greatness like Chavez, aren't often easily susceptible to dramatic shape. Chavez is one that resists it. He lived a long life, filled with small victories that added up to a career of mighty accomplishments. The best way to approach him would be as a portrait of the grunt work of organization, not far from what Steven Soderbergh did for revolutions in "Che."

Instead, "Cesar Chavez" aims for a middle ground between grunt work and biopic, and fails. The script, by "Hotel Rwanda" scribe Keir Pearson, tries to find a section of Chavez's life that could make for easy digestion. He settles on three campaigns, starting with Chavez and the United Farm Workers trying to represent 50,000 temporary Mexican workers in California grape fields.

At its best, "Cesar Chavez" delves into the frustration and busy-ness of union organizing. But it lacks shape. It tries to fill its gaping holes by looking at Chavez's family, including his increasingly distant wife (America Ferrera) and son. But it feels like it's just filling screentime. Director Diego Luna wants to avoid biopic cliches, but his filmmaking seems overly plain and subdued. The poster is more stirring.

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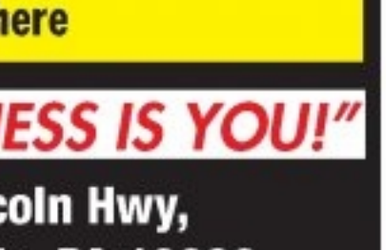
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Wait, this movie has rock monsters?

God movie. "Noah" is alternately silly, not silly enough and a few times right on the money.

Russell Crowe prepares to set sail in "Noah." / PARAMOUNT PICTURES

Review

'Noah'

Director: Darren Aronofsky

Stars: Russell Crowe, Jennifer Connelly

Rating: PG-13

We need to talk about the rock monsters. They're not mentioned in the ads for "Noah." They are actually in Genesis, referred to as "giants" (who presumably didn't fit into the ark). But in "Black Swan" director Darren Aronofsky's weirdo $130 million production, starring Russell Crowe, they're promoted to a major role. If you've ever wondered how a nice family was able to erect a massive vessel, this has an answer: They were helped by lumbering rock monsters with multiple arms.

The rock monsters are both silly and endearing, which also describes "Noah," but only to a point. This is a deeply personal Bible movie, one likely to alienate faith-driven audiences as well as the secular. It's not a soothing bedtime story. It understands — in a way even it ultimately can't deal with — the gravity of what is essentially a tale of genocide. There's a scene where Noah and his saved family sit inside the ark, trying to ignore the shrieks and cries for help from those still not submerged. Death is scarily real.

But this isn't a revisionist Bible movie. Aronofsky doubles down on the fantastical. God doesn't talk; this isn't the famous Bill Cosby routine. He isn't even called "God," but "The Creator," and Noah gets his messages in vivid, horrifying dreams. These segments play to Aronofsky's strengths as a stylist who designs his movies in bold images, shot by shot.

What doesn't play to his strengths is a story that's been beefed up from three Bible chapters to include such fat as Noah's sons scrambling to get wives before takeoff and a hammy bad guy (Ray Winstone) who leads an assault on the ark. But he does well with Noah's anguish at doing's The Creator's bidding. Jennifer Connelly, as Mrs. Noah, is mostly wasted, but she tears into one screamy speech, where she informs her husband that by following all of God's orders, he may lose the love of those closest to him.

Crowe plays Noah as introspective, sometimes terrifyingly so, but here you can catch a glimmer of anguish in the back of his eye — as though he's just fully realized the severity of his task. Such moments are rare in "Noah," but when they occur, a bloated, humorless but still goofy production — that was already better than vacuous trinkets like "Son of God" — seems briefly worth it.

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Review: 'Sabotage'

In David Ayer's latest, everyone's an obnoxious, unlikable hothead

Arnold Schwarzenegger fires off a big gun in the crooked DEA agent thriller "Sabotage." / ROBERT ZUCKERMAN

More than most, filmmaker David Ayer is drawn to evil. His breakthrough screenplay was for "Training Day," whose villain (Denzel Washington) oozed charisma yet was remorseless in his swaggering depravity. Ayer's new "Sabotage" goes farther: It boasts an entire team of crooked DEA vets, and they're all obnoxious, unpleasant, unlikable jerks.

You probably can't wait for them to shut up or even die horrible, needlessly bloody deaths. And so, the film obliges you. Very loosely modeled on "And Then There Were None" — albeit with a few more shocking, inane twists — it finds an elite team, led by a stone gargoyle (Arnold Schwarzenegger), getting wiped out one by one. Everyone assumes the killers are the cartel from whom they just stole millions. But what if it's someone else?

The actual mystery is muddled — little more than just an excuse to stage gory demises. The agents (including Sam Worthington and Mireille Enos, as the group's token tough chick) give the film its unusual life. Ayer doesn't sugarcoat them: They're all awful hotheads, each driven totally insane by spending years deep undercover. Scene after scene finds them hanging out, pushing each other around, seeing who can fit as many F-bombs into each otherwise artless utterance.

They're not a fun group to be around, but that's the point. There's a strange, seriously twisted integrity to the film. It seems ambivalent over its nasty characters, at once repelled and respectful. Ayer's camera pushes uncomfortably close in on them, whether they're in action or knocking back cheap whiskey at a strip club and running their mouths. It's weirdly admirable, even while it's a drag to watch.

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THE GRAND BUDAPEST HOTEL (R) Fri and Sat 11:30, 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30, 12:00.C INDEPENDENT;CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation; Sun 11:30-2:00-4:30-7:00-9:30.C INDEPENDENT;CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation
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THE MONUMENTS MEN (PG-13) Fri and Sat 8:05, 10:45. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation; Sun 7:55-10:30. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation
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NOAH: THE IMAX EXPERIENCE (PG-13) Fri and Sat 10:15, 1:20, 4:25, 7:30, 10:35. Digital Presentation;IMAX; Sun 10:15-1:20-4:25-7:30-10:30. Digital Presentation;IMAX
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SON OF GOD (PG-13) Fri and Sat 11:35, 2:50, 6:05, 9:05, 12:05. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation; Sun 11:35-2:50-6:05-9:05. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation
STALINGRAD 3D (R) Fri and Sat 12:45, 6:10, 11:40. RealD 3D; Sun 12:45-6:10. RealD 3D
TYLER PERRY'S THE SINGLE MOMS' CLUB (PG-13) Fri and Sat 10:10, 11:10, 1:55, 3:40, 4:30, 7:10, 9:00, 9:50, 12:30. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation; Sun 10:10-11:10-1:55-3:40-4:30-7:10-9:00-9:50. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation
VERONICA MARS (PG-13) Fri and Sat 1:30, 5:30, 6:40, 12:00.C INDEPENDENT;CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation; Sun 1:30-5:30-6:40.C INDEPENDENT;CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation

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BOYS OF ABU GHRAIB (R) 12:00, 2:35.C INDEPENDENT;Digital Presentation
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DIVERGENT (PG-13) Fri and Sat 9:35, 10:10, 11:05, 12:10, 12:50, 1:30, 2:20, 3:25, 4:10, 4:50, 5:50, 6:40, 7:30, 8:20, 9:10, 10:00, 10:50, 11:40. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation; Sun 9:35-10:10-11:05-12:10-12:50-1:30-2:20-3:25-4:10-4:50-5:50-6:40-7:20-8:20-9:10-10:00-10:30. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation
GOD'S NOT DEAD (PG) Fri and Sat 11:00, 1:50, 4:45, 7:40, 10:35.C INDEPENDENT;Digital Presentation; Sun 11:00-1:50-4:45-7:40-10:20.C INDEPENDENT;Digital Presentation
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THE SILENCE OF THE LAMBS (R) Sun 2:00. CLASSIC SERIES;Digital Presentation
SON OF GOD (PG-13) Fri and Sat 1:10, 7:10. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation; Sun 10:40-7:30. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation
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VERONICA MARS (PG-13) Fri and Sat 5:15, 8:00, 10:45.C INDEPENDENT;CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation; Sun 5:15-7:50-10:25.C INDEPENDENT;CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation

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FROZEN (PG) Fri 11:15, 1:55. DVS-Descriptive Video Service;Digital Presentation; Sat and Sun 10:20-1:00-3:35. DVS-Descriptive Video Service;Digital Presentation
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NON-STOP (PG-13) Fri 2:15, 7:35. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation; Sat 12:25-5:25-10:25. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation; Sun 12:25-5:25-10:15. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation
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SON OF GOD (PG-13) Fri 11:40, 2:50, 6:00, 9:15. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation; Sat and Sun 11:40-2:50-6:00-9:05. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation
VERONICA MARS (PG-13) Fri 11:30, 2:10, 4:45, 7:30, 10:00.C INDEPENDENT;CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation; Sat and Sun 11:00-1:35-4:10-6:50-9:35.C INDEPENDENT;CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation

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LE WEEK-END (R) Fri 4:15, 7:15, 9:15; Sat 1:30-4:15-7:15-9:15.; Sun 1:30-4:15-7:15.
PARTICLE FEVER (NR) Fri 4:15, 7:15, 9:30; Sat 1:45-4:15-7:15-9:30.; Sun 5:00-7:15.
THE ROYAL OPERA HOUSE: DON GIOVANNI (NR) Sun 1:00
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Old pro's new tricks

He-man. The former Governator says action movie budgets are half what they were back in the day.

Given his résumé, it's understandable that Arnold Schwarzenegger would think he knew all there was to know about action movies. So naturally when "Sabotage" director David Ayer suggested the former California governor sign up for some weapons training prior to filming, he balked. "Why do I need weapons training? I mean, I've shot more guns than anyone in movie history and killed more people than anyone. So why do we need to go through weapons training?" he remembers thinking.

But Schwarzenegger was actually impressed by Ayer's push for realism and technical accuracy — and with just the fact that the "End of Watch" director had work for the "Terminator" star to do at all. "I love that he pushed me," he says. "Sometimes directors get intimidated when they meet someone like me. They say, 'I'm looking forward to working with you' and 'Let's just figure out how we're going to get ready for the movie' and those kinds of things. But David came in and was very clear with the set of things that needed to be done."

He also knows that the filmmaking world has changed a great deal since his action heyday, and because of that a decent amount of preparation goes a long way. "[It's not] like in the '80s and '90s, where a studio would raise $100 million and you would have a great action movie. Those were the old days," Schwarzenegger says. "The budgets are half of what they used to be, because the rest of the money is being used for the franchise movies and the big sequels and stuff like that. It's a different world, but you have to adjust to that."

Making "Sabotage" didn't just present Schwarzenegger with a new kind of filmmaking experience, but also a new type of character to play. "From an acting point of view, it was the most challenging, because I've never played a character like this," he says of his role in the morally murky DEA thriller. "My characters usually play black-and-white and I'm the good guy and I upset the bad guys. There's a little bit of humor throughout the movie, and that's it," he says.

Arnold Schwarzenegger is back playing a cop, if a dirty one, in "Sabotage." / GETTY IMAGES

Quoted

"Why do I need weapons training?... I've shot more guns than anyone in movie history." Schwarzenegger

On his looker of a son

Getting into the family business

Arnold Schwarzenegger isn't the only actor in his family anymore, as his 20-year-old son Patrick has already started popping up on screen in "Grown Ups 2" and the upcoming "Dead Eleanor." So how does his 66-year-old father feel about Patrick getting in on the game?

"My son is heavily into acting, but at the same time I have him go to the university and study business. Then after that he really can decide if he wants to be a full-time actor, what he wants to do," he says. "Hopefully he will decide what his passion is. I always try to teach kids to find what your passion is, because I despise when kids get out of college and have no idea what they're going to do. I say to myself, 'Well, what does that mean? You're 22 years old and you don't know what you like in life?' It's unacceptable."

And should Patrick decide his passion really is for acting, his dad is naturally wishing for the best. "I hope that he has a successful career," he says. "Right now, with the way he looks, he should do more love stories. I wish I was as good-looking as he is when I was his age."

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V. An audio version of the public hearing notice and summary will also be available through the Associated Services for the Blind's website at www.asb.org and at the office of the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, 919 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107.

VI. On or about March 29, 2014, members of the public may obtain a copy of the proposed Capital Budget and Program at SEPTA's website www.septa.org or by requesting, in writing, a copy from the Director of the Capital Budget and Grant Development Department at the address listed above.

Olds romance. 'Le Week-End' has an enjoyably grumpy couple

Set over three days, "Le Week-End" is a grouchy, funny-depressive jag about a couple — Meg (Lindsay Duncan) and Nick (Jim Broadbent) — who realize, quite late in life, they may not have much fuel left in their relationship. Unlike most romances, there's no assurance they'll make it to the end of the film, or even after film's end.

In their case, there's not much reason to stay together. The kids are grown, and their 30 years have been an apparent slow decline into mediocrity, in love as well as life. They decide to kick things up a notch by spending their anniversary in the Montmartre section of Paris, the location of their honeymoon. They're not the type for fights, or even nasty insults. That would require passion. They're into light bickering. She's immovable, he gets frustrated and shuts down.

The rest of the film finds them hesitantly, sometimes effusively swinging back into gear, then falling out again, then crawling back up, only to get knocked down once more, and so forth.

Jim Broadbent and Lindsay Duncan play unhappy marrieds in "Le Week-End."
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Review

'Le Week-End'

Director: Roger Michell

Stars: Lindsay Duncan, Jim Broadbent

Nick, who sold out as a small-time teacher, still has some kick in him. As played by Broadbent in one of his most personable performances, he's not quite a doormat. He's just learned over years to compromise, and it's eaten away at him. Meg (an equally terrific Duncan) is a winningly sour snarler of hilariously mordant one-liners. "People don't change," he reassures her at one point. "They do," she retorts. "They get worse."

For all its honesty, "Le Week-End" still feels, in spots, lazy. As with his last film with director Roger Michell, the Peter O'Toole comedy "Venus," writer Hanif Kureishi doesn't try to transcend all cliches and sentimentality, or even most of them. But the film is at its best when it's enjoyably miserable, hanging with two actors as they fire off overcast jokes and struggle to re-connect.

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The 'Black Sheep Boy' cheers up

Reboot. For their seventh album, Okkervil River take a stab at feel-good rock 'n' roll.

For Okkervil River singer/songwriter Will Sheff, the band's seventh album, "The Silver Gymnasium," was a chance to chase away the gloom.

"To some extent I was kind of hoping to translate a more fun sound," says Sheff. "I wanted it to be an embracing, friendly rock 'n' roll record, and not rock 'n' roll in an upsetting, aggressive, punk rock way. This album was more rock 'n' roll in that good-times type of way."

The album is undoubtedly a musical realignment for Okkervil River, whose most well-received album, 2005's "Black Sheep Boy," was dramatic and dark.

"I love being able to make these jarring, threatening rock 'n' roll songs, and then make a record like this that's fun and happier rock," says Sheff. "Then I can move onto the next thing. I like that a lot more than feeling trapped in a certain style."

The instrumentation slightly gestures to the period in which "The Silver Gymnasium" is set. Synth accents and horns, perhaps to reflect the music Sheff would have heard on the radio growing up in the '80s, make tracks like "Walking Without Frankie" and "On a Balcony" some of the most accessible-sounding rock that the band has produced.

Maybe that's because he's focusing on something everyone can relate to: childhood. Though he has briefly mined this territory before, on this album Sheff maps the terrain of his own life growing up in New Hampshire.

"I'm usually uncomfortable talking about my own personal stories and private thoughts," says Sheff. "But when I was writing this album I felt that in order for it not to sound generic, I had to be direct and honest with people and show where I was coming from."

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"I love being able to make these jarring, threatening rock 'n' roll songs, and then make a record like this that's fun and happier rock." Will Sheff

Okkervil River are on tour with Typhoon. / BEN SKLAR

'Silver' linings

Nostalgia

Sheff's writing comes less from a participant's viewpoint and more from an observer's position, exposing the wonders and trials of growing up and ultimately discovering an underlying meaning of his childhood that others could relate to.

"The main reason I wrote 'Silver Gymnasium' was to try and write universally about being a kid and getting older, the way that culture kind of influences your imagination growing up and why it is we feel nostalgia," he says. "It wasn't so much that I wanted to draw attention to my own story. And I think if I had written about that, instead of being universal it might just end up being sterile."

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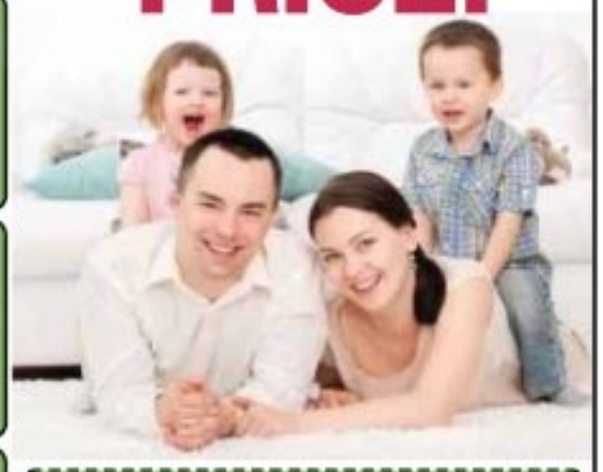

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Praise. Gospel's biggest stars perform at the Liacouras Center

Gospel star Donald Lawrence marked his 20th year in the music business late last year with the hit album, "20 Year Celebration, Vol. 1: Best for Last."

His next 20 years might be a bit different.

"I had never enjoyed the moment because I was so busy working in the moment," says Lawrence, one of the performers in Saturday's Praise 103.9 Concert. "I started in the background — being an MD [musical director], being a producer — so my mentality is to make sure that everybody is OK, as opposed to me being an artist and everybody making sure I'm OK."

Part of this new reasoning is that Lawrence is OK after a cancer scare in 2012. "It was pretty intense," says Lawrence, who is based in Chicago. "I feel God has given us the power to face challenges and giants, that's kind of how I approached it."

Lawrence has stayed a constant force in contemporary gospel over the last two decades, and a power player in the push to make gospel music more mainstream. "I feel there are a lot of people in church who are not uplifted ... and inspired — they're just there," he says. "And then there are a lot of people who don't ever go to church. I prefer my music to not be preachy. I like for it to be biblically based and what I call spiritual music."

The Praise 103.9 Inspiration and Music Conference at the Convention Center, prior to the evening concert, will feature star-studded panels taking on everything from songwriting to personal finances. Afterward, the concert features the biggest names in gospel music today, including Israel Houghton, Hezekiah Walker, James Fortune, Tamela Mann, Isaac Carree, Smokie Norful and Erica Campbell, formerly of the duo Mary Mary, who just released her solo debut album Tuesday.

CHRIS JORDAN

Donald Lawrence will perform at the Praise 103.9 Concert, Saturday at 7 p.m., at the Liacouras Center, 1776 N. Broad St. / CAPITOL ENTERTAINMENT

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"My goal is the make sure it's music for everyone, whether you're in church or not. It's to empower and uplift."

Lawrence, on gospel music

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Is Paltrow in a midlife crisis?

Sources close to Gwyneth Paltrow think her split from husband Chris Martin could be due to a midlife crisis she's currently weathering. "It does seem she is having [one]," a source tells Radar Online. "To say she is obsessed with her physical appearance is also an understatement. Turning 40 seemed to do something to her psyche. She could very well regret the decision to separate from Chris. He is an amazing father and very supportive spouse."

Rivers calls Dunham fat

Joan Rivers insists she's a fan of "Girls" star Lena Dunham's brand of comedy, but she's not such a fan of Dunham's more revealing wardrobe choices — like the tiny bikini she donned for an entire episode recently. "That's wrong. You're sending the wrong message out to people saying, 'It's OK, stay fat, get diabetes, everybody die. Lose your fingers,'" Rivers tells Howard Stern during an interview. "If you look the way you look, Lena, and that's fun and you're funny, don't say it's OK that other girls can look like this. Try to look better."

Zac Efron vs. a homeless dude

Zac Efron seems to be having a hard time keeping out of trouble. The latest incident for the star involves getting into a fight with a transient near L.A.'s Skid Row, according to TMZ. Efron and his bodyguard were reportedly stranded near an underpass of the 110 freeway after their car ran out of gas earlier this week and attracted the anger of nearby homeless men when Efron tossed out a glass bottle that shattered near an encampment. Tensions between the homeless men and Efron's camp escalated, with the "High School Musical" star reportedly taking a punch to the mouth.

EFRON

Surprisingly, we were able to find a picture of Mase from this year.

Mase caught in a holy war

Rapping preacher Mase, the baby-faced protege of Puff Daddy (yes, it's back to Puff Daddy), who rose to fame in the late '90s spitting lyrics on "Mo Money Mo Problems," is now catching heat from his church congregation because apparently, he's back to rapping about some unholy things.

Two years after "Mo Money" came out, Mase retired to serve God, claiming rap was "not real." What's unreal is that people still want to hear Mase songs. He's been rapping here and there for quite some time, but sources say he's letting his church business funds falter. And those unholy things he's rapping about include a man bragging about sleeping with an engaged woman.

Earlier this year, Mase secretly filed for divorce from his wife — who he wrote a book with about how to have a successful marriage. But a month later, he rescinded his divorce papers.

Puffy, sounds like you need to step in and help your boy again. Guess the more money he comes across, the more problems he sees.

THE WORD

Christina Paciolla takes on the world of gossip.

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Franco: I shouldn't be on LiLo's list

JAMES FRANCO

All of the men on Lindsay Lohan's alleged "hit list" have kept mum since news came out that she scribbled the names of everyone in Hollywood she's been in gland-to-gland combat with.

Until now.

James Franco is refuting he's ever done the mattress mambo with LiLo. In the past, he did say she's come onto him, but that he never put his Basilisk into her Chamber of Secrets.

Weir drops of out 'Celebrity Apprentice'

Johnny Weir's divorce drama has apparently caused the Olympian to drop out of the upcoming season of "Celebrity Apprentice." A judge this week awarded his ex Victor Voronov a $1,000-a-month allowance and sources say his hub is NOT happy about that.

Weir is better off ditching the show. After staging his comeback as a commentator and fashion maven alongside Tara Lipinski at the Sochi Olympics, he doesn't need to be alongside reality show rejects like Kate Gosselin. Johnny, you can parlay this into something else. I'm sure the world would love to see Kelly Osbourne kicked off "Fashion Police."

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Letters

Site snarled in controversy

Re: 'Lily Cole: Making all your wishes come true' (Metro, March 27) While the intention of Lily Cole's Impossible.com is probably sweet and lovely enough, there's something missing from Metro's story about this impractical project. Cole is reported to have a net worth of £8 million, yet she applied for and received a U.K. government-mandated grant for £200,000, from the Innovation in Giving fund set up by the Cabinet office's Minister for Civil Society. Frankly, her website is not working. The money could have been better spent on real programs devoted to education, nutrition or mental health. Cole's backer Jimmy Wales refuses to share the grant application with the public. Given Wales' close ties to the U.K. government, it sounds fishy.
GREGORY KOHS, VIA EMAIL

Paltrow's done it to herself

Re: 'Three ways divorce will help Gwyneth Paltrow's career' (Metro, March 27) Coldplay insufferable?? As crackpot-ish as that statement sounds, I suppose you are entitled to your opinion. In reality, the venom against Gwyneth Paltrow is of her own doing.
DENNIS MCGLINCHEY, VIA EMAIL

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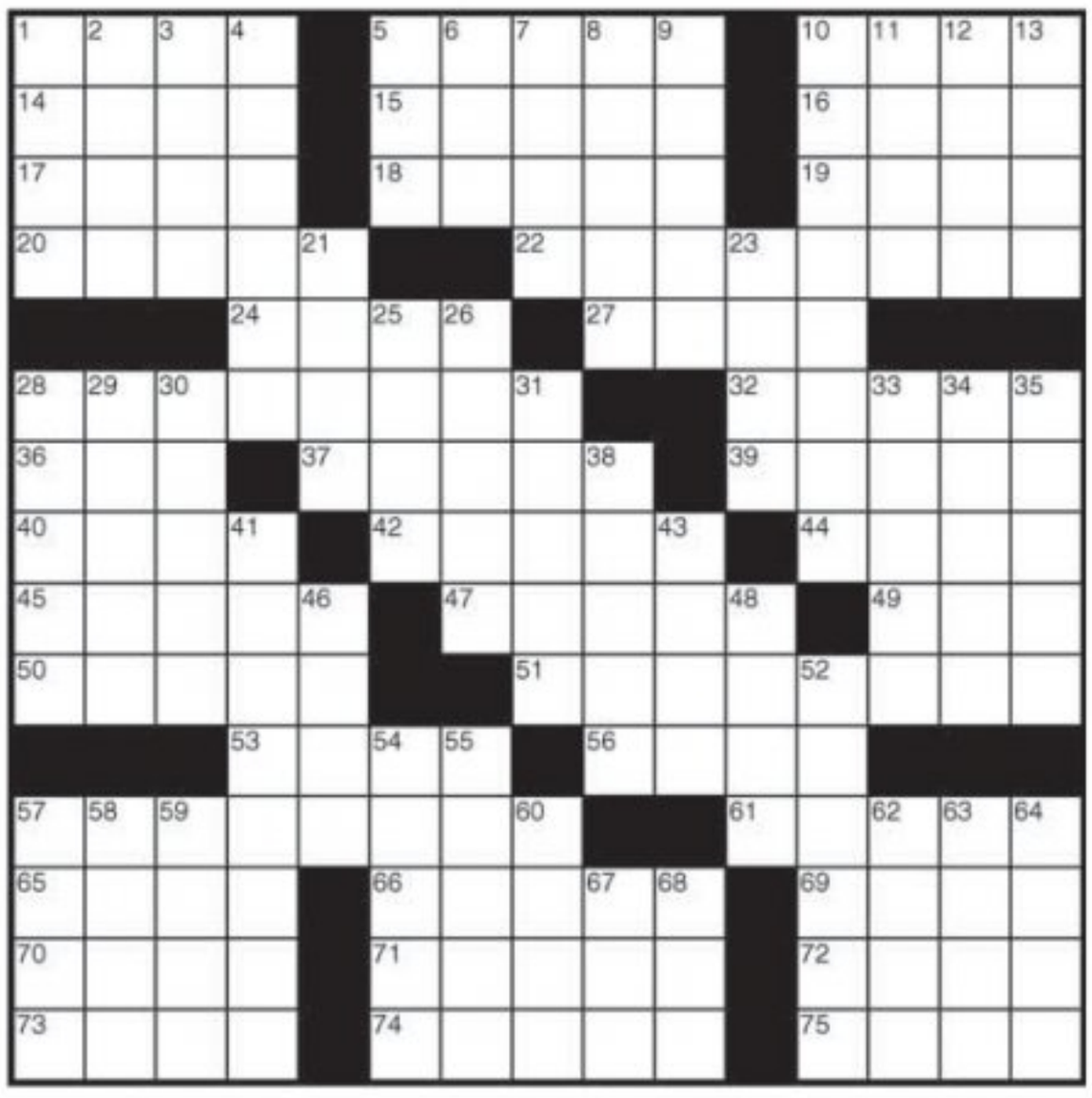

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Kruk on Brown

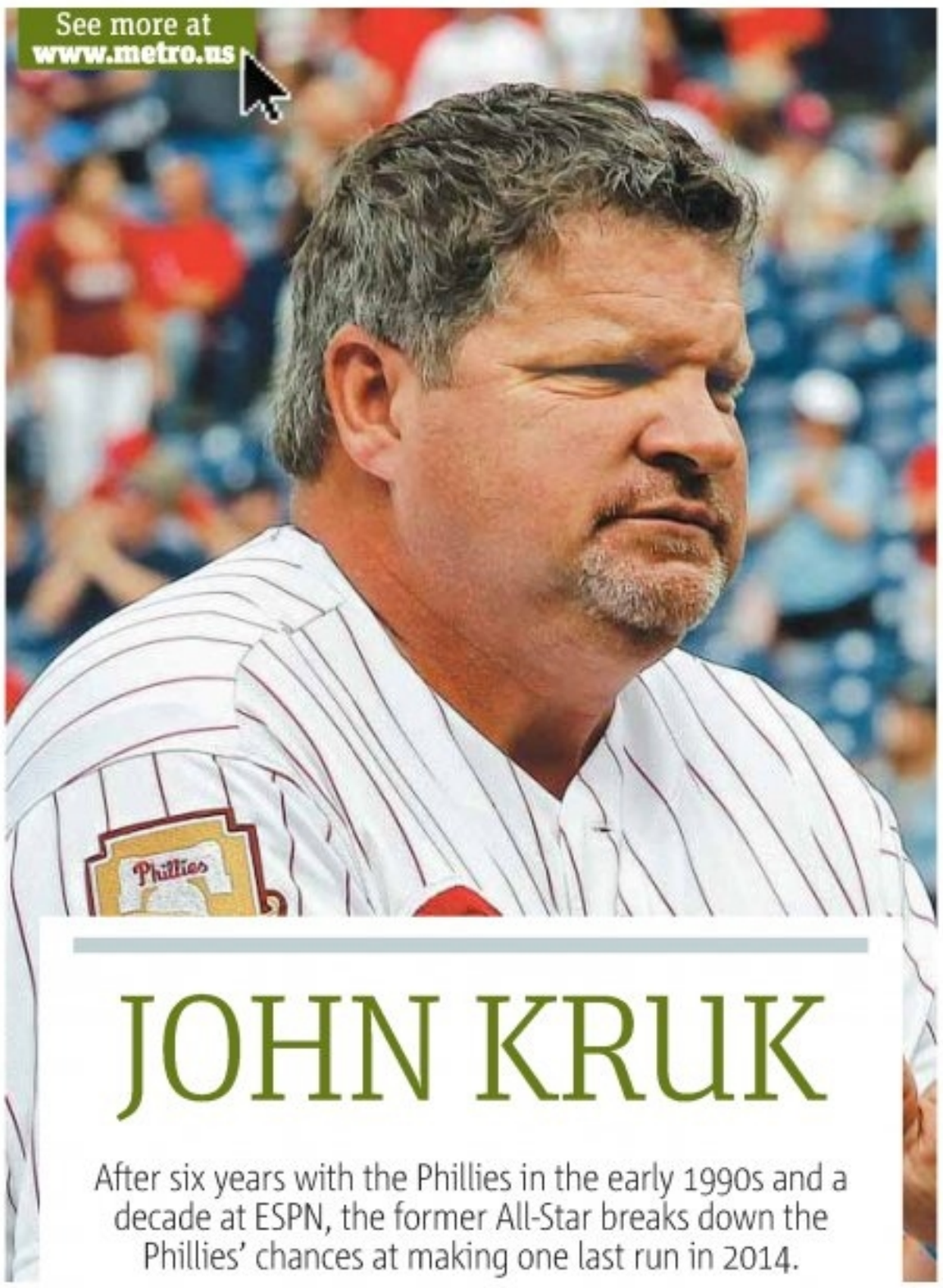
" If he can play like he did last season, that will be huge for the Phillies."

Kruk on The Big Piece

Howard could have bounce back year

If Ryan Howard stays healthy, shouldn't he exceed Freddie Freeman's breakout season, 23 homers and 109 RBIs?
Yes. If Howard stays on the field he'll do that by accident. He'll hit 25 homers without a doubt, if he stays healthy. He's a proven run producer. He's done that throughout his career, but he has to be healthy.

Would you change Howard's approach at the plate by having him take more pitches?
No. I know what you're saying. He's often behind in the count immediately. But he has to figure out if it's a strike or a ball. My big issue with Howard, and I've said it so many times on ESPN, is that he stands too close to home plate. He's so close to the plate that his first move is to clear his hips. ... He's [6-foot-4] with long arms and he's on top of the plate. That makes no sense to me, but he has put up numbers I never dreamed of putting up.



JOHN KRUK

After six years with the Phillies in the early 1990s and a decade at ESPN, the former All-Star breaks down the Phillies' chances at making one last run in 2014.

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What will it take for the Phillies to contend?
They need Ryan Howard to hit 40 homers. They need Domonic Brown to do what he did last season but get him on the field more. They need Chase Utley to play 130 games. Jimmy [Rollins] has to be the MVP like he was in 2007 or close to that, even though that's a lot to ask. The pitching has to remain healthy.

So they need to catch lightning in a bottle to play meaningful ball in October?
Yes. It has to be a perfect storm. If they're going to beat the Braves and/or Nationals, everything has to go right. Three or four guys have to have career years. The starters have to be healthy.

How important is it for the Phillies bullpen to improve?
It has been a disaster. They're young except [Jonathan] Papelbon. It's hard to count on young guys. The bottom line is to throw strikes.

What's your take on Dom Brown?
He has to stay healthy. If he can play like he did last season, that will be huge for the Phillies. The thing that impressed me about Brown last year was that he made adjustments. When he first came up, he was an out. He lowered his hands and he's more calm at home plate. In that ballpark he should hit 20 to 25 homers every year. He should also drive in 100 runs a year, if everyone else plays accordingly.

What do you think of the Marlon Byrd acquisition?
I love it and I love him. I coached him in the minor leagues. I love him. He's like a son to me. What Marlon brings is something they desperately need. They need someone that can compete for nine innings. He does what Chase does, and I'm not sure how many other guys on that team, I'm not going to mention names, are invested in playing hard every day to try and win a division. Sure, they won a championship, but they need guys like Chase and Marlon.

Byrd was lost and immature during his last tour of duty with the Phillies.
He has completely changed his approach, thank God. He had that step and wait (hitting approach) and it was ugly — I let him know. He went back to what we were working on when I was with him in Double-A many years ago. He had a great year and was rewarded. He brings an element that is more than numbers. He'll be a difference-maker in the clubhouse.

The Phillies' top three starters are as good as the Nationals' top three, but what does it matter if the bullpen stinks?
It's true. The rotation is only as good as your bullpen. You saw it two years ago when Cliff Lee pitched great and couldn't win a game. You saw Cole Hamels pitch well after May last season and he couldn't win a game. I'm not worried about the Phillies' rotation. They need to score runs and they need their bullpen to hold the leads. If they can do that, they have a chance. I don't know if the Braves got better. They lost [Brian] McCann and [Tim] Hudson, and they've lost some starters [due to injury]. But Washington will be good. I think they learned that you just don't throw your gloves out and teams will roll over for you.

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Just the facts

John Kruk has made a career as a baseball analyst on ESPN, but he knows the Phillies pretty well.

- Member of the 1993 NL Pennant-winning team
- Played all three outfield positions and first base, and made three All-Star appearances (1991-93)
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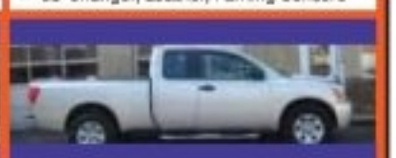
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Phillies shut out by Jays

The Phillies wasted a strong outing by A.J. Burnett, his last spring training start, in a 3-0 loss to Toronto on Thursday.

The Phillies had one hit in the game.

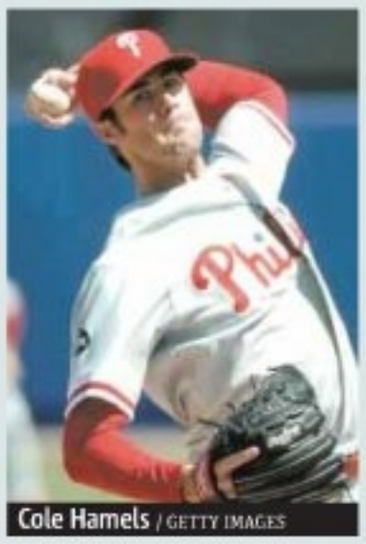
The team is back up north Friday for the On Deck series. METRO

Hamels starts

Hamels feels good after outing

Cole Hamels threw 30 pitches in two shutout innings during a Double-A spring training start Thursday.

Hamels says he will pitch every five days and expects to make five rehab starts. METRO



Cole Hamels / GETTY IMAGES

Flyers back home

Flyers look to bounce back

After an ugly 3-1 loss in New York on Wednesday, the Flyers look to return to form against playoff hopefuls the Maple Leafs on Friday at 7 p.m. The Flyers hold the No. 5 seed in the East, three points behind the Rangers. METRO

NFL. Eagles complete swap with Jets, agree to sign Mark Sanchez

The Eagles and Jets have completed a rare quarterback swap, as reports have confirmed that Philadelphia and Mark Sanchez have agreed to a deal Wednesday.

Michael Vick signed a two-year $5 million deal with the Jets last week, leaving the Eagles with Matt Barkley and no one else to back up Nick Foles.

Sanchez, who went 33-27 with the Jets between 2009 and 2012, will ironically join Barkley on the Eagles bench, the quarterback who replaced Sanchez at USC.

"I think Mark is a very, very good athlete," Eagles head coach Chip Kelly said Wednesday in Orlando at the NFL meetings. "He's started 60-plus games in this league. He's got great experience. There's a lot of positive qualities to him."

The Jets released Sanchez a year after drafting Geno Smith, who appears to be the quarterback of the future, perhaps under the tutelage of Vick at the Meadowlands.

"Obviously, we lost Mike," Kelly said. "So we're always trying to look at that backup position behind Nick in terms of what we could do in free agency, who's available now, or through the draft."

Sanchez, 27, missed all of 2013 after shoulder surgery, but is expected to be healthy for the 2014 season. EVAN MACY

Sanchez facts

Mark Sanchez was the fifth overall pick by the Jets in the 2009 draft.

- In 2010 he helped the Jets to an 11-5 record, leading the league with six game-winning drives.
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- Dr. James Andrews performed surgery to repair Sanchez's shoulder last fall.

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INJURIES BRING RISK, REWARD

We've all heard the fantasy baseball draft mantras. Don't take a starting pitcher before the third round. Don't pay for saves. Don't draft injured players.

Blanket statements like these have some validity on the surface, but the top percentage of owners are going to dig deeper — especially when it comes to variable situations like injuries, in which each circumstance is very different. Here are players worth looking at because yellow flags have driven their average draft position down.

Captain Kemp

Matt Kemp's 2012 season was crippled by a nasty hamstring injury. In 2013, he was pummeled by shoulder and ankle injuries. But when completely healthy for the whole 2011 season, he hit .324 with 39 homers, 126 RBIs and 40 steals. Although Kemp will start the year on the disabled list as he works his way back from ankle surgery, the sixth round is way too late for a player that has had so much time to recover since his last injury. He should be far closer to his 2011 physical condition than his 2013 debacle.

Chapped

The easiest injuries to overcome are ones that don't directly affect a player's motions on the field. Aroldis Chapman falls into this category. The flame-throwing closer got hit in the head by a line drive last week and will miss six to eight weeks following surgery to stabilize fractures in his face. It's a scary injury, but it won't bother his unique arm that piles up saves in addition to helping us in three other categories.

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Dodgers star outfielder Matt Kemp begins the 2014 regular season on the disabled list. / GETTY IMAGES

NBA pickups

Time to scour the waiver wire for these players:

- **Gorgui Dieng, C, Wolves** — A double-double machine when starting. Nik Pekovic may shut it down.
- **Ramon Sessions, PG, Bucks** — Nate Wolters' fractured hand opens the door for Sessions' roto-friendly game.

SPLITTER COULD GET MORE MINUTES AS SPURS CLINCH. GETTY IMAGES

- **Tiago Splitter, C, Spurs** — As the playoffs approach, Tim Duncan will be resting more and more.

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The **Committee on Streets and Services** of the Council of the City of Philadelphia will hold a Public Hearing on **Thursday, April 3, 2014,** at **1:00 PM,** in **Room 400, City Hall**, to hear testimony on the following items:

130529 An Ordinance authorizing Brandywine Cira Post Office L.P. to construct, own and maintain various right-of-way encroachments at 2970 Market Street, all under certain terms and conditions.

130952 An Ordinance establishing a one-way regulation on Marion Street, from Hansberry Street to West Queen Lane, northbound.

130953 An Ordinance establishing a one-way regulation on West Logan Street, from Germantown Avenue to Greene Street, westbound.

130954 An Ordinance establishing a one-way regulation on Conlyn Street, from North 21st Street to Kemble Avenue, eastbound.

140016 An Ordinance authorizing the revision of lines and grades on a portion of City Plan No. 271 by striking from the City Plan and vacating an irregularly shaped portion of Laurel Street, from Canal Street to Delaware Avenue, by relocating the southwesterly houseline of said Laurel Street a variable distance northeastwardly and reserving and placing on the City Plan a right-of-way for sewer and drainage purposes, water main purposes, gas main purposes, and public utility purposes within the portion of Laurel Street being stricken, under certain terms and conditions

140018 An Ordinance authorizing and directing the changing of the name of Wishart Street, from Seventeenth Street westwardly and northwestwardly to Allegheny Avenue, to Lippincott Street.

140074 An Ordinance authorizing Richard Ley to construct, own and maintain a private pole, electrical appurtenances and aerial wire over, on and under the south footway of the 3800 block of Powelton Avenue for supplying electric service to his vendor truck, all under certain terms and conditions.

140077 An Ordinance authorizing Vuthea Vin to construct, own and maintain a private pole, electrical appurtenances and aerial wire over, on and under the south footway of the 3800 block of Powelton Avenue for supplying electric service to his vendor truck, all under certain terms and conditions.

140097 An Ordinance authorizing the revision of lines and grades on a portion of City Plan No. 307 by striking from the City Plan and vacating certain sub-surface portions of Fifteenth Street between Arch Street and John F. Kennedy Boulevard, Sixteenth Street between Arch Street and Cuthbert Street, and Arch Street from Sixteenth Street to a point east of Fifteenth Street.

140102 An Ordinance authorizing the revision of lines and grades on a portion of City Plan No. 308 by striking from the City Plan and vacating Cypress Street from Broad Street to Watts Street and reserving and placing on the City Plan a right-of-way for various utility purposes, such as may be necessary, within a portion of Cypress Street being stricken, under certain terms and conditions.

140179 An Ordinance establishing a no truck parking regulation on Midvale Avenue, between Conrad Street and a point 1,000 feet west thereof, on both sides of the street.

140208 An Ordinance legalizing an existing fence encroaching on the public right-of-way at 3301 Lester Road, Philadelphia, PA, under certain terms and conditions.

140210 An Ordinance establishing a parking regulation on 16th street, east side, Olney avenue to Chew avenue.

Immediately following the public hearing, a meeting of the Committee on Streets and Services, open to the public, will be held to consider the action to be taken on the above listed items.
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